

# SENATE BILL 597

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By: **Senator McFadden**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elections – Baltimore City – Election Dates**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the dates of certain elections for municipal offices in  
4 Baltimore City; specifying the terms of municipal officers in Baltimore City who  
5 are elected in certain years; and generally relating to elections in Baltimore  
6 City.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Election Law  
9 Section 8–201 and 8–301  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2010 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Election Law**

15 8–201.

16 (a) (1) There shall be a statewide primary election in every  
17 even-numbered year.

18 (2) A primary election shall be held:

19 (i) in the year in which the Governor is elected, on the last  
20 Tuesday in June; and

21 (ii) in the year in which the President of the United States is  
22 elected, on the first Tuesday in April.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a primary election for municipal offices:

2 (1) **IN THE YEAR 2016**, on the [second] **FIRST** Tuesday [following the  
3 first Monday in September in the year following the election of the Governor] **IN**  
4 **APRIL; AND**

5 (2) **BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2018, ON THE LAST TUESDAY IN**  
6 **JUNE IN THE YEAR THAT THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED.**

7 8–301.

8 (a) (1) There shall be a statewide general election in each even–numbered  
9 year.

10 (2) A statewide general election shall be held on the Tuesday following  
11 the first Monday in November.

12 (b) In Baltimore City, there shall be a general election for municipal offices:

13 (1) **IN THE YEAR 2016**, on the Tuesday following the first Monday in  
14 November [in the year following the election of the Governor]; **AND**

15 (2) **BEGINNING IN THE YEAR 2018, ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING**  
16 **THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR THE GOVERNOR IS ELECTED.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any  
18 other provision of law, the term of a municipal officer of Baltimore City elected:

19 (1) in the year 2011 is 5 years; and

20 (2) in the year 2016 is 2 years.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
22 October 1, 2012.